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(The Wood Line).

(1) William Wood, the founder of this family, was born in England, in 1582, and died May 14, 1671. In 1638 he emigrated from Matlock, Derbyshire, England, and went to Concord, Massachusetts, where he was one of

the first settlers, and lived the rest of his days. He married Margaret ———, who died September 1, 1659. Children: Michael, of whom further; Ruth, married Thomas Wheeler.

(II) Michael, son of William and Margaret Wood, was born in England, and died in Concord, Massachusetts, May 13, 1674. He married Mary ———. Children: 1. Abigail, born April 10, 1642, died January 5, 1717; married, May 24, 1667, Stephen Hosmer. 2. John, died January 3, 1728; married, November 13, 1677, Elizabeth Vinton. 3. Nathaniel, died March 7, 1662. 4. Mary, died April 24, 1663. 5. Thomson, married Martha ———. 6. Abraham, of whom further. 7. Isaac, died January 11, 1740; married (first) Elizabeth Merriam, (second) April 20, 1722, Susanna Biscan. 8. Jacob, born March 3, 1662, died October 6, 1723; married, October 15, 1697, Mary Wheeler.

(III) Abraham, son of Michael and Mary Wood, died September 12, 1746, recorded at Sudbury, Massachusetts. He was a prominent citizen of Concord, where his active life was passed. From 1701 to 1703 he was town clerk, from 1701 to 1704 selectman. In his last years, he probably lived at Sudbury. He married, probably about 1682, Sarah ———, who died February 24, 1748. Children: 1. Abraham, of whom further. 2. Mary, born June 25, 1686; married, May 11, 1703, Hezekiah Fletcher. 3. Sarah, born September 11, 1692; married, January 11, 1714, Jonah Willis. 4. Rebecca, born December 23, 1693; married, October 20, 1733, Jonathan Blood. 5. Samuel, born October 17, 1697, probably died February 7, 1697-98. 6. Abigail, born September 27, 1699; married John Booth.

(IV) Abraham (2), son of Abraham (1) and Sarah Wood, was born at Concord, April 16, 1684, and died at Sudbury, July 11, 1742. He lived at Sudbury until after March 17, 1710, then moved to Concord, but returned to Sudbury in 1729. He married Hannah ———, who died November 7, 1746. Children: 1. Samuel, born March 17, 1710, died March 18, 1760; married (first) February 5, 1733, Lydia Goodnow, (second) November 29, 1739, Keziah Moore. 2. Cornelius, born January 31, 1712; married, May 18, 1738, Mary Eaton. 3. Hannah, born February 27, 1713, died September 6, 1756; married, March 5, 1746, Daniel Walker. 4. Ruth, born May 6, 1716; married, December 22, 1737, Daniel Goodnow.

5. Rebecca, born March 17, 1717. 6. Abigail, born January 14, 1720, died before 1792; married, November 17, 1746, James Walker. 7. Nathan, of whom further.

(V) Nathan, son of Abraham (2) and Hannah Wood, was born at Concord, March 24, 1723, and died June 18, 1777. After marriage he lived at Stow, Massachusetts, but moved, in 1756, to Westminister, Massachusetts. Within a year of his settlement there he was elected one of the standing committee of the township; for five years he was assessor, for nine years selectman. He was also the first representative from Westminister to the colonial legislature, and was a member of that body when it convened at Salem in October, 1774, and converted itself into the first provincial congress. He was a delegate to the next two provincial congresses. A deeply religious man, he was an earnest worker in the church, and a deacon. His character, in fact, was of the highest, patriotic, upright, devout, Christian. He married, May 2, 1750, Rebecca, daughter of Ahijah Haynes, who died March 20, 1819; she married (second) Nathan Howard. Children: 1. Lucy, born April 10, 1751, died in 1847; married, January 6, 1774, Benjamin Barnard. 2. Nathan, born November 7, 1752, died January 6, 1841; married (first) Mehitable Cowee, (second) May 24, 1793, Margaret Hadley. 3. Ahijah, of whom further. 4. Abel, born December 27, 1755, died March 23, 1840; married, November 21, 1780, Phebe Holden. 5. Rebecca, born December 5, 1757, died May 8, 1795; married, September 10, 1780, Levi Graves. 6. Hannah, born April 4, 1759, died October 24, 1831; married, June 22, 1780, Stephen Hoar. 7. Samuel, born January 26, 1761, died October 8, 1828; married (first) June 8, 1784, Anna Calef, (second) July 15, 1804, Huldah Cole. 8. Moses, born October 18, 1762, died December 11, 1777. 9. Aaron, born October 19, 1763, died July 4, 1815; married (first) November 25, 1788, Lucy Jackson, (second) June 27, 1802, Bertha Beard. 10. Abraham, born August 2, 1764, died December 18, 1812. 11. Israel, born March 15, 1766, died September 26, 1846; married, January 22, 1800, Abigail Wheeler. 12. Ruth, born June 1, 1768, died February 2, 1820; married, January 3, 1793, Joshua Everett. 13. Abigail, born June 9, 1770; married Bezaleel Baker. 14. Ezekiel, born November 25, 1772, died May 30, 1812; married,

in 1799, Judith Baker. 15. Nahum, born April 5, 1776, died July 3, 1829; married Ruth Jackson.

(VI) Ahijah, son of Nathan and Rebecca (Haynes) Wood, was born at Stow, February 15, 1754, and died July 24, 1840. He lived at Westminster, where he was assessor and for some years selectman, and prominent in church affairs. As one of the minutemen of Westminster, he went to Cambridge after the battle of Concord; later, he served eight months; July 1, 1776, he was appointed a corporal, and discharged November 7, 1776. In this last service, he was at Ticonderoga. He was a pensioner in 1840. He married (first) at Westminster, December 7, 1779, Dorothy Wheeler, of Templeton, Massachusetts, who was born in 1755, and died September 8, 1821; he married (second) September 24, 1823, Lydia Rockwood, of Groton, Massachusetts, who was born August 23, 1759, and died February 24, 1828. Children, all by first wife: 1. Rebecca, born September 12, 1780, died April 16, 1864; married, March 8, 1802, Josiah Trow. 2. Moses, born April 9, 1782, died December 11, 1782. 3. Dorothy, born May 14, 1784, died December 6, 1849; married Francis Benjamin. 4. Nancy, born February 16, 1786, died November 9, 1841; married, January 16, 1806, Joseph Tottingham. 5. Nathan, of whom further. 6. Lucy, born November 20, 1789, died in infancy. 7. Aaron, born December 18, 1791, died May 4, 1869; married, September 12, 1822, Abigail Boutelle. 8. Lucy, born March 5, 1794, died May 2, 1844; married, February 10, 1814, Ira Maynard. 9. Sally, born February 3, 1796, died December 29, 1880; married, October 24, 1839, Joshua Smith. 10. Clarissa, born June 25, 1798. 11. Orissa, born August 25, 1800, died November 2, 1846; married, December 2, 1830, John Dole.

(VII) Nathan, son of Ahijah and Dorothy (Wheeler) Wood, was born at Westminster, November 18, 1787, and died at Moreau, Saratoga county, New York, October 17, 1848. He lived at Westminster until 1827, then moved to Moreau. He was a farmer and a cabinet-maker. A clock, made by him over one hundred years ago, is in the possession of his granddaughter, Mrs. Waid. He married, May 26, 1811, Lucy, daughter of Ezra and Susannah (Bigelow) Holden, who was born March 14, 1792, and died at Guys Mills, Pennsylvania, March 13, 1884. She had come to this place after her husband's death, and was a member

of the Congregational church. The Holden family is a Westminster, Massachusetts, family, and also found in other places in that state. The ancestral line of Mrs. Nathan Wood, given here briefly, is: (I) Justinian Holden, the immigrant, at the age of twenty-one, embarked at Ipswich, England, and was one of the first proprietors of Watertown, Massachusetts, where he settled permanently, and died. It has been thought that he was accompanied to America by his father, but of this there is no proof. He married (second) Mary, daughter of Thomas Rutter. (II) Joseph, born September 16, 1683, died November 3, 1768, married (first) Abigail, daughter of William Shattuck. He went in 1737 to Westminster, and was its first permanent settler. (III) Abner, born November 2, 1722, died October 22, 1805, married, February 25, 1752, Elizabeth, daughter of Andrew and Elizabeth Darby. (IV) Ezra, born at Westminster, December 5, 1764, married (first) Susannah, daughter of Jabez and Deborah (Knowlton) Bigelow. (V) Lucy, married Nathan Wood.

Children of Nathan and Lucy (Holden) Wood: 1. Orlando, born March 24, 1812; married, April 3, 1842, Harriet Rice. 2. Ezra H., born May 1, 1814, married, April 22, 1841, Catharine Gamil. 3. Elizabeth M., born January 28, 1816. 4. Lucy, born February 11, 1819. 5. Nathan, born October 18, 1822, died June 16, 1889; married (first), April 16, 1850, Melinda Adams, (second), December 13, 1868, Ellen Adams. 6. Charles Frederick, of whom further. 7. Susan R., born October 17, 1826, died August 23, 1898, married, August 23, 1853, James L. Wilder. 8. Sarah Elizabeth, born December 5, 1829, died September 10, 1879, married, October 4, 1853, Horace W. Noble. 9. Jane Augusta, born April 19, 1833, lives at Warren, Pennsylvania. 10. Angeline, born February 1, 1835, married, March 2, 1865, Erastus L. Pixley.